

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Montgomery County Government Center**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Administration Conference Room**  
**Monday, November 1, 2010**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. INTO WORK SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. FY 2011-2012 Budget Development
2. Old Blacksburg Middle School Site Update
3. Legislative Priorities for 2011

**III. OUT OF WORK SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return back to Regular Session.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2011**

**R-FY-11-**  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE**  
**PRIORITIES FOR 2011**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby adopts their 2011 legislative priorities which include:

- *State Budget Cuts* Montgomery County requests that the General Assembly restore the funding reductions to public education and public safety.
- *Unfunded Mandates* Montgomery County continues to oppose unfunded mandates from the state or federal government. As state revenue is reduced, state mandates should also be reduced in the same proportion.

- ***Income Taxes or Other Revenue Sources to Support Local Services*** Montgomery County supports legislation to distribute a percentage of individual income tax revenues to localities, the authority to levy a local income tax, or be provided with other sources to generate revenue locally.
- ***Equal Taxing Authority*** Montgomery County supports legislation to eliminate the distinction in the taxing authority of Virginia's cities and counties.
- ***Schools*** Montgomery County supports full funding of Standards of Quality (SOQ) so that a redistribution of existing state aid among jurisdictions does not occur without an increase of state funds. Montgomery County supports state funding allocated for teacher pay raises based on actual positions, not just positions recognized in the SOQ. Montgomery County supports "cost for competing Add-on" funding for all Virginia School Districts.
- ***Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)*** Montgomery County supports full state funding for 100% of the administrative costs of CSA, state vendor contracts for residential and treatment foster care services paid through CSA and increased state matching share for other CSA costs.
- ***Water and Sewer Availability Fees*** Montgomery County supports legislation that would grant counties the authority to enact water and sewer availability fees, and mandatory water and sewer connection powers.
- ***Voting Machines*** Montgomery County supports full state funding for 100% of the cost of providing optical scan voting machines as required by the General Assembly Section 24.2-626 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
- ***Authority to Exempt Real Property from Taxation*** *Montgomery County requests the General Assembly to authorize localities to exempt from taxation up to \$50,000 in real property value for residential homeowners. With this authority, localities would have an option to design local programs offering tax relief to homeowners on assessed value up to \$50,000 for one primary residence. Included would be single family homes, individually owned town houses, mobile homes on individual lots, modular units and double wide mobile homes. Commercial, industrial and rental properties would be excluded. The intent is to provide localities the option of offering such a program but not mandate that localities offer such a relief program.*

- ***Processing and Marketing of Industrial Hemp*** *Montgomery County supports efforts by all levels of government to allow cultivation, processing and marketing of industrial hemp. Research into the viability and economic potential of industrial hemp is currently discouraged by strict restrictions and regulations. By removing these obstacles, industrial hemp production could provide a source of income and livelihood to farmers who are struggling and workers who have lost their jobs during these dire economic times.*
- ***Requirement to Receive Unemployment Compensation Following the Initial 26 Week Benefit Period*** *Montgomery County supports legislation to require part-time volunteer work at charitable, religious, cultural, or other non-profit institutions in order to receive unemployment compensation following the initial 26-week benefit period.*
- ***State Aid to Library System*** *Montgomery County requests that there be no new cuts in state aid to the library system.*
- ***Request to Declare Spice and Synthetic Cannabinoids to Be Illegal*** *Montgomery County requests that the General Assembly adopt legislation declaring “spice” and synthetic cannabinoids to be illegal and to be a controlled substance under Title 18.2 of the Code of Virginia.*

ISSUE/PURPOSE: To adopt Montgomery County’s legislative priorities for 2011.

JUSTIFICATION: The County’s legislative priorities must be submitted to VACo for inclusion in the VACo legislative packet before the annual conference held November 7-9. The first eight items on the list were included in last year’s priorities. The remaining five items listed in bold and italics are new additions and were submitted as requests to be included in the County’s legislative priority list.

See TAB **A** for a copy of a letter from the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors’ requesting Montgomery County Board of Supervisors support in requesting the General Assembly to declare “Spice” and synthetic cannabinoids illegal in Virginia.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Special Meeting**

Joint meeting with School Board

**Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Meeting

Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

6:00 p.m. – Closed Meeting Items

7:15 p.m. Regular Agenda